eGov@USDA - eLearning Edition

A brief update from the USDA eGovernment - eLearning Team

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USDA Access to GoLearn.gov

USDA has been working with GoLearn.gov to provide access for all USDA employees to free online courseware. The loading of USDA employee data into GoLearn.gov is continuing to make progress. To date, 53% of USDA employees are registered in GoLearn.gov. Providing USDA access to GoLearn.gov is a two step process.

- An email from <u>eLearning@usda.gov</u> is sent out to an employee introducing the GoLearn.gov registration process. This email also informs the user that they will receive a second email from <u>golearn@geolearning.com</u> with a password.
- Within 2 weeks a second email will be sent providing the person's password and a link to www.golearn.gov. Note: If a person has already registered with www.golearn.gov, they will not receive a second email and should continue using their existing passwords.

Status of agencies already using GoLearn is provided on the next page.

Purchasing Online Courseware through GoLearn.gov

In a memo announcing the USDA agreement with GoLearn.gov, agencies were asked to designate a Point of Contact (POC) for eLearning. This person will be responsible for coordinating the purchase of online courseware from GoLearn.gov for their agency.

The pricing of online courseware libraries is available at the eLearning web page on the eGov web site at:

http://www.egov.usda.gov/resources/teamspace/eLearning/eLearning.html (User ID: egovteam; Password: any@place)

To determine specific pricing, agencies will need to know the quantity of courseware licenses needed. To make a purchase or for additional pricing information, the agency POC should contact Jeff Shen at 202-720-

0102 or via email <u>Jeffrey.Shen@usda.gov</u>. Jeff will also provide the POC a Customer Agreement form for the Agency budget officer to complete.

eLearning Product and Service Selection Update

The eLearning Evaluation Team, consisting of representatives from agency and staff offices, is continuing its hard work of evaluating products and services to be included in the USDA enterprise-wide eLearning solution. Through this process, agency representatives have been formally reviewing vendor proposals against established eLearning business case requirements. Further, the team has met with other Federal agencies including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Department of Commerce, and the American Red Cross to gain insight into the eLearning products available through GoLearn and to leverage best practices during implementation.

It is expected that a formal recommendation and selection of a *Learning Management System* (LMS) will be made by the end of July. Following this selection, a Statement of Work will be signed between USDA, GoLearn, and the awarded eLearning providers.

In the Next Issue

- The LMS Product Selection
- Implementing eLearning at USDA

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STUDENT STATUS

SUMMARY REPORT As of Tuesday, July 22, 2003

110 01 1 110 110 110 110 110 110 110 11					
	NUMBER OF	NUMBER OF	NUMBER OF	NUMBER OF	TOTAL ACTIVE WITE
ORGANIZATION	STUDENTS	ACTIVE STUDENTS	COURSE COMPLETED	TIMES LOGGED IN	AT LEASE 1 COURSE
Agriculture					
Agricultural Marketing Service	548	165	118	1,246	118
Agricultural Research Service	1,719	320	72	633	12'
Animal and Plant Health Inspec	tion S 4,227	740	264	1,855	324
Cooperative State Research Ed	ucati 126	22	6	58	17
Departmental Administration	417	68	24	220	35
Economic Research Service	229	25	6	100	4
Farm Service Agency	3,872	1,034	165	854	250
Food and Nutrition Service	1,012	254	48	417	9
Food Safety and Inspection Serv	vice 4,938	1,467	269	1,698	323
Foreign Agricultural Service	540	76	2	58	19
Forest Service	23,251	2,756	242	1,523	30
Grain Inspection, Packers and S	tockya 486	357	326	1,928	33:
National Agricultural Statistical Servi 666		142	23	114	30
National Finance Center	14	13	8	75	
Natural Resources Conservation	Ser 7,545	2,578	597	2,953	1,051
Office of Budget and Program	Analysi 51	10	6	21	,
Office of Communication	48	10	7	115	4
Office of the Chief Economist	41	3	6	13	
Office of the Chief Financial Of	ficer 1,165	187	35	417	52
Office of the Chief Information	Office 200	80	26	177	34
Office of the General Counsel	222	32	2	74	
Office of the Inspector General	388	76	15	123	10
Office of the Secretary of Agric	ulture 71	62	22	391	3:
Risk Management Agency	340	91	21	60	11
Rural Development	1,134	283	110	1,032	145